



# CAYMAN ISLANDS REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

## WEEKLY UPDATE

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### SEASON OF EPIPHANY

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#### Service of Commissioning for Lay Pastor

On the first Sunday of the new year approximately 120 United Church congregants gathered from across the island in the East End United Church for the Commissioning Service of Mr. Ormond Williams as the Lay Pastor for the East End and Gun Bay Charge.

Originally from St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Lay Pastor Williams received his Preaching Diploma from the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas where he served as a Local Preacher and was involved in several Christian youth organizations and activities.

Mr. Williams has been actively involved in the life and ministry of the Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council for nearly two decades in various areas and in the last seven years he served as Lay Pastor in the William Pouchie Memorial and John Gray Memorial Congregations.



Following the service many stayed back and enjoyed a time of fellowship and the refreshments in the church hall. We together as a Council as well as individually offer our full support to and also wish God's continuing and abundant blessings on Pastor Williams, his wife Rachel and son Joshua as they embark on this new journey in God's service.

#### Installation of new Elders in Bodden Town

Three new Elders were installed at Webster Memorial United Church by Rev. Rohan Forrester during the morning worship service on Sunday January 5, 2020. The three stalwart sisters, Mrs. Carol Stephens, Mrs. Evie Solomon and Mrs. Aileen Powell have been serving in the congregation in various areas for most of their lives (even as elder, previously) and we thank God for their willingness to contribute in their new position to the ministry and wish God's blessings upon them.



The Rev. Rohan Forrester served as Liturgist and the Rev. Euthman Wray delivered a powerful and challenging sermon that was well received by all. The Deputy Regional General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield read the Narrative and Ms. Angela Martins, Chair of Council led the Litany of Commissioning. Rev. Donovan Myers, Minister of the John Gray Memorial Church offered the Prayer of Dedication.



## Lay Leadership Development

On Saturday, January 18, 2020 a new, restructured lay training programme commences in all Regional Mission Councils of the United Church designed to provide training for specific groups of lay leaders as well as for those who seek to deepen their faith and would like to become better equipped for service.

The programme will be offered in three consecutive modules (three six-month periods) targeting the following groups:

- Module 1. for Elders and interested persons
- Module 1, 2. for specialized lay leaders
- Module 1, 2, 3. for Lay Pastors

The modules are designed to progress sequentially, building on the previous one, and serving as a prerequisite for the next. The modules are compulsory for Elders, specialized leaders and Lay Pastors who have not received previous training.

Over the first six months period the following courses will be offered:

1. spiritual gifts and the discernment of God's call  
the spirituality of the leader  
the role of the lay leader in congregational life
2. transformational leadership
3. the leader as evangelist, disciple-maker and mentor
4. communication skills
5. strategic planning for church growth
6. components of effective caregiving
7. team building and conflict management
8. leading small groups
9. introduction to the Bible  
planning and leading Bible studies
10. planning and leading worship
11. church administration
12. history, ethos, doctrines and polity of the UCJCI  
understanding the sacraments

Application forms are available in each congregation (Minister or church office) for those required to participate or interested in the programme which is also free of costs for the participants.

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"All One In Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3 vs 28)



**January 19 – 24 (Sunday-Friday)**

**Evenings 7:00 – 8:30 pm**  
**Cayman Islands Baptist Church**  
**Lunch hour 12:00 – 12:50 pm**  
**Family Life Center**

**Speaker: Mr. Jonathan Lamb**

## What is Epiphany about?

Epiphany is a special day as well as a season between Christmas and Lent in the Church's liturgical calendar and it is closely associated with the visits of the Magi (Three Kings) who followed the star of Bethlehem across the desert to meet Jesus. The word 'epiphany' means manifestation, revelation and it refers to the fact that Jesus is the Son of God, God's self-revelation to the world in human form.

Like the Magi, may we too have a sense of purpose, focus and persistence in following the Star of Bethlehem to find true Renewal and Transformation in our personal lives and collectively as a Church.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 11 (Saturday)**

**Girls' Brigade Council meeting - 9:30 am** Savannah United Church

**Young Leaders Workshop and YLNE AGM - 10 am** Council office, Prospect

**January 12. (Sunday) 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 13. (Monday)**

**Council Executive meeting - 5:30pm** Council office

**January 18. (Saturday)**

**Lay Leadership Training – 8:30am – 4pm** Council office

**January 19. (Sunday) 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**



-on Radio Cayman 89.9 every Sunday at 7:45 am-

**January 12** Rev. Rohan Forrester  
**January 19** Mr. Mike Bowerman (Keswick Team)  
**January 26** Women's Fellowship Team

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